

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in view of the above-referenced Office Action, and reconsideration is requested in view of the following remarks.

The Claim Objections

The Office Action notes that claim 3 is missing. Claim 3 was submitted by preliminary amendment accompanying the present application. Additionally, an amendment to claim 15 was presented to correct a minor error.

The Claim Rejections

Applicants submit herewith amendments to all remaining claims which are believed to fully distinguish over the cited art. The amendments presented are supported on pages 5 and 6 of the specification. Claims 21-28 are cancelled without prejudice. New claims 29 and 30 are submitted for consideration. The originally submitted claims may be presented in another application predating the present application, or claiming priority to an application predating the present application. Such applications appear in the IDS discussed below. Accordingly, the assignees of the present application do not wish for any claim amendment or claim cancellation appearing in this communication to imply that claim scope is being surrendered.

To summarize the claim amendments presented herein, without intent of limiting the language of the claims, each of the claims as amended or newly presented call for music selections to be stored on behalf of multiple users as a single music file which is mapped to multiple users. None of the art is believed to teach or suggest this feature as claimed.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants' representatives recently became aware of a family of applications filed by another inventive entity (employed by an assignee of the present application) for subject matter that may be relevant to the present application. The members of this patent family, along with all art cited in the patent family, are listed on an information disclosure statement. The undersigned has not reviewed these documents in detail, but wishes to assure that the

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relationship is disclosed for consideration by the Examiner. Translation of foreign documents were obtained from the Japanese patent office web site and are believed to be machine translations. Since this IDS contains multiple foreign references and translations thereof, Applicants are submitting this IDS by mail approximately simultaneously with the fax transmission of this response and requests consideration of this IDS prior to further action on the merits.

Concluding Remarks

In view of this communication, all claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested at an early date. If further matters remain to be resolved, the undersigned respectfully requests the courtesy of an interview. The undersigned can be reached at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,


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